



March 18, 2022

Honorable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister of Canada
80 Wellington St.
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

Please accept this urgent request for action to resolve the Teamsters Canada Rail Conference (TCRC) and Canadian Pacific (CP) labor bargaining dispute. Canada and the United States have a long and rich history as friendly neighbors, trading partners and collaborators in advancing democracy across the globe. Given recent geopolitical events, our partnership is even more important to ensure our respective communities can remain healthy and vibrant.

A work stoppage would be detrimental to our communities, compounding an already stressed supply chain that is still recovering from pandemic disruptions and managing rising transportation costs. According to the North Dakota Department of Transportation, CP annually transports more than 11 million tons of products from North Dakota to Canada and over 2 million tons from Canada to North Dakota. These products include agricultural commodities, fuels and other goods upon which our communities and their residents rely for daily life.

We are grateful for the long-term partnerships we have enjoyed with CP and Canada and urge you to take all action necessary to protect the supply chain and avoid the disruption of goods between North Dakota and Canada. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

With gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Doug Burgum".

Doug Burgum
Governor

cc:

Seamus O'Regan, Minister of Labour